## HANGS ON A VOTE

RESULT OF THE ELECTION FOR RE-CORDER OF JASPER COUNTY.

GOES TO COURT OF APPEALS

DEMOCRAT CLAIMS ONE MAJORITY FOR HIM.

His Opponent Claims a Tie Vote-Whole Matter Depends on a Tally of Five Votes, in Which One Vertical Mark In Missing.

Who is the legally elected recorder of Jasper county is the question involved in a case that the attorneys think will be decided by the court of appeals. The office hangs on a margin of one vote, acresult of the election was a tie by the

count of the opposite side. The election in Jasper county was a close and exciting one. The friends of James Steadley and of S. A. Stuckey every voter in the county to the When the count was made Steadley. nocrat, claimed the office by one vote. His opponent claimed a tie. A mandamus proceeding was accordingly brought before the court of appeals, together with all the ballot sheets, official counts and other evidences of election.

One little perpendicular mark is the trifle that is being fought for on both sides. Four perpendicular marks with a fifth drawn through them constituted a tally of five votes:

one of these tallies in the sheets was found to be shy a perpendicular mark, having only three vertical and one diagonal

Now, if the last tally represents five votes, the office goes to Steadley by a majority of one. If it stands for only four votes, as appears on the face of it, the election was a tie. All Jasper county hangs breathless upon the decision of the appellate court.

Another interesting case that may be decided by the court of appeals is that of Jefferson Stone, guardian of D. B. Stone against the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. It will settle the question of a secret order's liability to a sick or insane man. Mr. Stone held a policy for \$2,000 in the order. He became sick and fell behind with his dues. He never recovered his health, but was de clared insane and taken to the asylum. The lodge resisted payment of the policy and suit was brought by the guardian on behalf of the wife and children.

More than the usual number of decisions is expected to be rendered by the court of

#### WAS A GOOD MOTTO. But "Boom Convention Hall" Was Hardly the Thing to Display in

a Murder Trial. It will probably take most of to-day to finish the trial of Ellwood Hollingsworth for the killing of Alexander Schwab, which has been on trial for two days in the crim-

inal court. Marcy K. Brown and H. D. Ashley are

Marcy K. Brown and H. D. Ashley are conducting the defense. They have brought forward a great deal of testimony to show that Schwab was a quarrelsome man and that Hollingsworth was compelled to shoot in self-defense.

The two men were dairymen near Rosedale, where the shooting occurred last summer. Both were using the same cowsheds and Schwab complained that Hollingsworth allowed his cows to get into his (Schwab's) side of the sheds. This led to the quarrel that resulted fatally.

During the trial of the case Saturday Mr. Brown hpld up a huge placard before the jury with diagrams on one side showing the location of the milk sheds and houses. He noticed a number of broad smiles among the courtroom spectators and was unable to account for them until he reversed the placard. On the other side, in big black letters were the words:

n Convention Hall.

Hollingsworth is a neat, respectable looking young man. His brother, a very well dressed young man of about the same age, sits with him in the courtroom. By the side of the prosecutor sits Mrs. Schwab, the widow of the murdered man. Her little 5-year-old daughter accompanies her.

## IMBODEN'S HEARING.

Is Set for This Morning in Justice Ross' Court-He Has Received No Letters.

Leonard Imboden's preliminary hearing will take place to-day before Justice Ross He was arrested in connection with the closing of the Planters' bank, which, it is charged, he was trying to run without funds. He is also charged with receivin a deposit when his bank was in an insolvent condition. Only one deposit, and that one of only \$35, had been made with the Planters' bank.

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Imboden appeared very cool when seen at the jail yesterday.

"They'll have to show an intent to defraud," he said, "in order to hold me or indict me for anything. I don't see how that can be done. There was only \$35 deposited and that we never touched."

"The amount of the deposit would cut no figure, though, would it?"

"Oh, certainly not. It doesn't make any difference whether we received little or much—be intent's the thing, there can be no crime without intent."

Imboden's time has been hanging have little on his hands since he was put in jail two weeks ago. The bank has done no business in its brief career of ten days and he has accordingly had no correspondence to look after.

"I have received no letters since I came to jail." he said. "and have written but one. Two or three circulars came here for me, but I paid no attention to them."

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their

Excursion Rates to Portland And all points West. The Union Pacific is the shortest line and makes quickest time. Only 71 hours to Portland. No other line does it. Offices, 1909 Main street, 1938 Union avenue and Union station. Telephone 1109.

Encourage Home Industries. The Burlington route does. Its new din-ing car Kansas City is supplied with the finest tableware and supplies by Kansas

New-Warneke's 1776 Bread. Try it



Best Dining Car Service. Only Depet in Chicago on the Elevated Loop.

## "MADE IN K. C., U. S. A."

Magie Legend Which Will Adorn Many Windows on Walnut and Main Streets To-day.

Something like 100 show windows or Main and Walnut street will this morning bear the magic legend, "Made in Kansas City, U. S. A. The Guaranty of Excellence. In addition to this official trade mark adopted by the Manufacturers' Association windows will be filled and decorated with goods made in Kansas City, a striking object lesson to the people of the city of what variety and merit are the goods

The display is one which most of the leading merchants of the city will give during all this week. Over forty of the leading retailers signed the agreement to make this display and probably as many more will do so, although they did not take time to notify the committee. In addition, some of the manufacturers have rented windows in vacant storerooms and it is fair to presume that 8 o'clock this morning will see at least 100 windows on the principal retail streets decorated and filled with Kansas City made goods, a response to the growing sentiment of the people in favor of buying home made goods and thus helping the factories, the city and themselves. Nearly everything made in Kansas City will be represented in this great home product window show to last all week. The display is one which most of the

#### IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

T. C. Jobes has been heard from. For a time his law shingle was visible in a corridor of the New York Life building, but an opening presenting itself in Arizona he packed his lawbooks and hied himself to Prescott, where he is prospering. As a diversion he tried chickens, and, like all amateurs in the business, accepted advice readily. Bran was the staple diet of his chickens when he began, but he was told that, as the Arizona chickens were nearsighted, he could save money by mixing sawdust with it. He tried the experiment and it was a success. Then he added more sawdust and still the chickens thrived. At last he fed sawdust exclusively and was delighted with the progress his fowls made. But "there came a time one day" when his favorite hen got even. She hatched a setting of twelve eggs and Jobs was the proudest man in the Gadsen purchase. But his pride was short-lived. The cause is best told in an extract from a letter he wrote to a friend in this city.

"I told you," he wrote, "of my success as a poultry raiser and of the sawdust diet I gave my birds. Sawdust is a failure. Oid Nan demonstrated it to be a fact. She hatched twelve eggs. Eleven of the chicks have wooden legs and the twelfth is a woodpecker." In a postscript he adds: "I have retired from the business, and will hereafter confine myself exclusively to the law."

Walter Davis, assistant postmaster of

Walter Davis, assistant postmaster of the Kansas City postoffice, has a breezy Western way about him that indicates that he has roughed it and "toughed" it on the plains and amid mountain peaks. When told of his most apparent characteristic recently, he said to his interlocutor, "You've guessed right the very first time. Ill health drove me back to Kansas City and made of me what I am now—assistant postmaster. I was in the police service of Pueblo. Col., for eight years and began as sergeant of the patrol wagon and ended as chief of police, but prior to that I was jailer of the Pueblo county jail under Sheriff Moses. We had a police force of forty-one men and we owed our positions to the city council and mayor. There were sixteen votes in the council and I got every one of them. I enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest chief of police in the country and when ill health caused me to resign and later to leave the city I was presented with a handsome gold badge and a solid silver revolver and escorted to the train by a delegation of citizens, who gave me a royal sendoff.

"While chief I had charge of Ed Kelley,

delegation of citizens, who gave me a royal sendoff.

While chief I had charge of Ed Kelley, an ex-policeman, and the man who killed Bob Ford, the agsassin of Jesse James, Sr., at Creede. Kelley was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. One of my last official acts was the arrest of Harley McCoy, a noted Coloradoan, who killed a postal inspector and is now doing time. He sent me from the pen an inlaid wooden box, which I prize highly. I was succeeded as chief by Lew Strait, who now is assistant postmaster of Pueblo.

eblo.
"Another official act caused me to be excessively written up all over the country. ressively written up all over the country arrested Sells Bros, circus because of the 'shell' artists with it, and I succeeds in making them understand that Pueblo was a poor town to do the 'shell' business in. Those were good days, and I often live them over again in fancy. The experience was a valuable one, and I do not regret my career in the Centennial

The greatest triumph in her professional history was scored last Monday night by Miss Alice Nielsen. No queen ever received a grander ovation, and it is doubtful if there was in all the world a happier woman then she. Her pathway now is in the warm sunshine of popularity; she is the idol of music lovers, and bids fair to become the most famous of American comic opera singers. When Opportunity knocked at her door, she was ready. Salt Lake claims her as her adopted daughter, for it was a critic of that beautiful city that first announced to the world the glories of her voice and predicted the brilliant career she has just entered upon.

Miss Nielsen's entry into Salt Lake was modestly made. Fortune had not dealt kindly with her. Her manifest talents lad not been appreciated in Kansas City, and, discouraged, she had gone to St. Joseph. There she sang and eked out a living by giving lessons to a few children whose parents appreciated her at her true worth. Then she wended her way to the Pacific coast without adding to her reputation or to her never plethoric bank account. Sac finally drifted to the Mormon capital, and filled a two weeks' engagement at the Lyceum, a popular-priced theater. For nights she sang to empty benches until Glen Miller, the dramatic critic of the Tribune, discovered her. Then the people woke up. The little theater was crowded to the doors at every succeeding performance, and when the nightingale took her departure it was as a prime favorite of the people. It was then that Glen Miller predicted that in time she would be the recognized of American comic opera singers, and in his inimitable way offered her advice, which, if results are indications, she evidently followed.

One year later she again appeared in Salt Lake, this time as a member of the Box. The greatest triumph in her professional can be made either by driving No. 3 to 5 and the ball following to 9, or by driving 3 to 9 and the ball taking 5. The first way is likely to produce the best results.

Figure 5—There is hardly any necessity to describe this "spare." It speaks eloquently for itself.

Charlie Clark of the Kansas City team made a difficult "spare" the other night in a side game. Nos. 6, 10 and 7 were standing. He struck No. 6 on the right was made with apparent case.

Another difficult "spare" made by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling League was accomplished by a member of the Kansas City Bowling to the right and drove it to 7.

The diagram will give some idea of the many difficult "spares" likely to arise in a game. How to make these "spares" is quite another question.

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One year later she again appeared in Salt Lake, this time as a member of the Bostonians. The opera was Robin Hood. Jessie Bartlett Davis sang the title role. Her reception was a cordial one, but when Miss Nielsen appeared the audience bubbled over with enthusiasm. Encores greeted every song. Fioral offerings were cast at her feet, and she was honored with several curtain calls. Of course, Glen Miller was happy. A part of his prediction had been renlized, but she was still far from the top rung of the operatic ladder. He interviewed her, and the result was that in the Tribune the next morning appeared the announcement that in the succeeding season she would head a company of her own. It was the first intimation to the public that she contemplated such a move, and with praiseworthy but singular unanimity the critics of the country began to write of her is Miller had written when she was comparatively unknown and when her pocketbook would not permit of any extravagance when ordering a meal.

In Jennie Hawley, of the Neilsen company, Salt-Lake has another adopted damateur. Glen Miller discovered her also. She appeared in operettas and concerts and at times sang in churches on festival

daughter. For years she was a talented amateur. Glen Miller discovered her also. She appeared in operettas and concerts and at times sang in churches on festival days. The possessor of a popular contralto voice of wondrous power and expression, she was easily the most popular singer in Zion. Barnabee, of the Bostonians, heard her and at once offered her an engagement. In deference to her mother's wishes she stifled her ambition and married Colonel Woodrow, a reputed wealthy mining operator. The venture was an unhappy one and a separation followed. She went East, studied for a time, and then joined the Bostonians as understudy for Jessie Bartiett Davis. Her opportunities were limited, but whenever she appeared critics spoke kindly of her efforts and predicted a brilliant future for her. She is working hard to attain the goal that her ambition has set and in the Nellsen company she is receiving the training which will enable her to respond to the call which is sure to come. Miss Hawley is a beautiful woman and is as popular in Salt Lake as is Miss Neilsen.

Of course, Glen Miller is a Kansan. He is a graduate of the Kansas university, and wields a most treuchant pen in the field of dramatic criticism. In his youthful days he was employed on the Troy Chief, and at its journalistic font became inocu-

Midland promises to be productive of good results. The plans of the special committee have received much favorable comment from those interested in the race track feature.

The association will be capitalized for \$150,000 in shares of \$100 each. The plans of the organization, sites offered and the articles of incorporation will be presented at the general meeting, and it is expected that they will be adopted with little change. and wields a most trenchant pen in the field of dramatic criticism. In his youthful days he was employed on the Troy Chief, and at its journalistic font became inoculated with the newspaper germ. He pushes a pencil, not for lucre, but simply because he can't help himself. The result is clear-cut criticisms that are recognized by players and play-goers alike as being honest expressions of opinion. He is not afraid to criticize the greatest of stars and has successfully measured lances with even the great Mansfield. He is now a power in Utah politics, holds the office of United States marshal and is the president's adviser on Utah affairs. In addition to his official duties he is the active head of the Miller investment Company and is forging his way into the good graces of Dame Fortune at such a rapid pace that he will soon be accounted a rich man. Eight years ago he was "tramping" through Europe, with a Baedecker for his only guide, and on his return to this country entered the railway service. Now he is a political chieftain and a discoverer of song birds.

GROWTH IN KANSAS CITY DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

Difficult Spares That Can B Made-Charlie Clark's Impossible Spare-Member of Eagles Distinguishes Himself.

The progress in bowling in Kansas City in the past few years has been remarkable. and the sport is growing with rapidity. Many who in past years hardly knew what an alley looked like are frequent visitors. and every now and then some new league springs into existence.

The scores made this year and the scores of individual players have been, in a sense, remarkable. This result has been brought about, not alone by steady practice, but by close study of the game and the different problems that are presented.

The practical bowler, while anxious to acquire a method of delivery which will produce strikes, does not lose sight of the fact that the man able to make brought about, not alone by steady prac-

Fig 1

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the forest.

or left side.

'spares" is the one whom fortune is most

likely to smile upon during the progress of a game. The number of these problems

are as many and varied as the trees of

Figure 1 would puzzle the best bowler

n the land and can be made in the manner

shown in the diagram. No. 6 is driven

to 9 and thence to 8. It is a hard spare

and requires judgment and good execution. Figure 2 presents another hard problem.

It can be made by sending No. 5 to 6

and thence to 10. But the better plan is

to take No. 6 on the right, sending it across to 5, the ball caroming from 6 to 10.

Figure 3 shows a "spare" that can be made either by striking No. 2 on the right

it, however, is to let the ball carom from

Figure 4 is a "spare' similar in all its features to the preceding diagram, the difference being that the angle is changed.
Figure 5 will give the student a problem which will cause him some trouble. It can be made either by driving No. 3 to 5 and the ball following to 9, or by driving 3

TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES.

One Hundred and Seventy-one Were

Decided in the United States

During 1898.

One hundred and seventy-one stakes for

2-year-olds were decided in the United

States last year, and the winners of these

were the get of seventy stallions. Kan-

tanka's and Sir Dixon's get head the list as stake winners, the latter stallion siring six winners, including Alpen, the winner of

the Stallion stakes, worth \$18,270, at Haw-thorne, while Kantanka had three, Ken-

neky Colonel, Black Venus and King Bar-

eycorn, who brought an aggregate of \$21,-

00 when sold at Morris Park. The next sires in point of merit are His Highness

and Kingston, whose get won nine stakes

Highness, the son of imported Ill-Used.

season that any of his get raced.

dam imported Princess, as it was the first

season that any of his get raced.

To his son, Jean Berand, belongs the honor of both winning the greatest number of stake events, seven, and also taking down the most money of any of his year, the sum won by him being 386,870. Belvidere, who is a full brother to Sir Dixon, was accountable for W. Overton, who won six stage events. Imported Candlemas' get took down a similar number of stake events, and to him belongs the glory of siring Martimas, the winner of the greatest 2-year-old event of the year, the Futurity stake, value 236,170 to the winner. There was but one unbeaten 2-year-old of the year, May Hempstead, the daughter of Pairon, but she started only four times, her career being cut short by accident while exercising at Memphis. Espionage, the well named filly by Inspector B., dam Sunmaid, won twenty races, which was the greatest number won by any 2-year-old.

FAIR AND RACE MEETING.

Will Be Held at the Midland Hotel This Evening and an Associa-

tion Will Be Formed. The general meeting of the committee

for the formation of the Kansas City In-

terstate Fair Association to-night at the Midland promises to be productive of good

each, but the greatest credit goes to His

The favorite way to make

It is a "spare" that is rarely made.

SOME SAMPLE BOWLING SHOTS.

nounced. Entries to all the stakes will close March 1.

Greater New York Three Straight. CHICAGO, Feb. 5.-The Greater New York bowlers won three straight games to-day from a local team called the "So-cial Seven." The scores:
First game-Greater New York, 972; S. S. A., 968. S. A., 968. Second game—Greater New York, 984; S. S. A., 881. Third game—Greater New York, 866; S.

S. A., 530.

To-night the New Yorkers played three games with the North Chicago team, winning two of the three. Scores:
First game—Greater New York, 585; North Chicago, 546.
Second game—Greater New York, 971; North Chicago, 598. North Chicago, 898.

Third game—Greater New York, 873;
North Chicago, 775.

The visitors left to-night for Lansing, Mich. Mich.
The board of directors of the Inter-Club
Bowling League, of Chicago, adopted resolutions to-day to withdraw from the American Bowling Congress. The action was
taken on account of the recent decision of
the congress on some disputed local games.
It is said a new Western congress will be

Roby Track to Be Demolished. CHICAGO, Feb. 5.-The Roby, Ind., race

by Browning Nichols, of Rochester, Minn and a large bicycle factory will be erecte on the grounds. The work of demolishin the clubhouse will begin at once.

OFF FOR TRADE EXTENSION.

Commercial Club Leaves With Ban

ners Flying-Will Be Gone

One Week.

With banners streaming and a general

air of light heartedness prevailing, the Commercial Club's trade extension party

left the Second street depot at 9 o'clock last night. The party occupied a special

train, which left promptly on time over the

Frisco road. The train consisted of three

Frisco road. The train consisted of three sleepers, one buggage and a dining car. Every preparation was made for the comfort and convenience of the tourists. All the members of the tlub who presented their names last week to Mr. Clendening signifying that they desired to join the party, appeared on time last night and the sleepers were taxed to their extreme capacity. Each car was decorated with a huge banner extending its entire length. On these banners was printed:

"The Commercial Club, of Kansas City, U. S. A."

Cold Weather Will Continue.

Yesterday was a cold day, an ideal winter day, a day when wraps and furs were in demand, a day when fireplaces were hugged and few people cared to be abroad. The mercury stood below the freezing and at the close the indications were that the cold wave would linger with us for a few days longer.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 15 degrees; the

perature yesterday was 15 degrees; minimum, 3 degrees. The hourly readings were:

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

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Kansas City to Chicago-Santa Fe

Boute. Shortest and best line. Finest train and dining car service between the two cities. Try it.

Wedding Rings, guaranteed 18 kt., at Jaccard's, 1039 Main street.

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lt is not stated that upon the discovery of this fraud the railroads took any action to collect the back charges, but, it appears that the shippers considered themselves fully justified under existing conditions in thus obtaining a reduced rate of transportation. This statement of the case is made without qualification by the commission, but it does not appear that the parties guilty of the fraud have been punished at the instance of that body.

In commenting on the report of the commission, the Railway Age says: "The most serious aspect of the expose made by the report is the apparent disregard with which the act to regulate commerce is held by both the railways and the public. It is a sad commentary on the American peo-

report is the apparent disregard with which the act to regulate commerce is held by both the railways and the public. It is a sad commentary on the American people that such an indifference to any existing statute should be manifested. The stability of our institutions depends upon the intelligent acquiescence of the people in the conclusions of our lawmaking and law interpreting bodies.

"It is without doubt true that the interstate commerce law is impracticable, if

"Black Diamond" Road a Go.

## AND THIS FROM A WOMAN.

Water Thrown Into the Air in the Klondike Froze Before It Fell. and Popped Like a Pistol.

these banners was printed:
"The Commercial Club, of Kansas City, U. S. A."

The party will make an extensive trip through the Southwest territory which is tributary to Kansas City and whit not return until next Sunday. A night run to Springfield was made and this morning the club will make its first stop at Republic. Through the day it will stop at intermediate towns on the Frisco as far as Seligman, thence at 12:50 this afternoon the run will be made to Eureka Springs and then from Rogers over the Bentonville railroad to the towns as far as Fayetteville, where a stop will be made for the night, at 10:45.

To-morrow morning the train will go on to Fort Smith, where a stop of an hour will be made, and then on to Wister, with intermediate stops. At Wister the C., O. & G. railroad will be taken and the larger towns visited up to South McAlister, where Tuesday night will be spent.

Wednesday the train will put in the day along the line of the C., O. & G. from South McAlisters to El Reno, including stops at Shawnee, Choctaw City, Oklahoma City and other towns. Wednesday night will be spent in El Reno. Thursday the run will be over the Rock Island road from El Reno to Wellington, including visits to Kingfisher, Hennessey, Enid, Pond Creek, Medford and other good towns. From Wellington the Santa Fe will be taken, running as far as Edmond, where the stop for the night will be made. Friday will be put in on the line of the Santa Fe from Wellington to Edmond. Visits will be made at Arkansas City, Perry, Guthrie and other important towns. In the afternoon the train will again take the Frisco tracks going from Chandler to Bristow before stopping for the night. Saturday, Claremore will be the first place visited and the day will be put in along the Frisco line at the best towns from there to Springfield, which will be reached at 5:50 p. m. After a stop of two hours at Springfield, the train will run to Bolivar, reaching there at 10 o'clock in the evening and remaining until midnight. From there the run home will be made wit Mrs. Maggie Ferguson is the only Inde-pendence woman in the Klondike. Mrs. Sallie Leach, her mother, received a letter from her yesterday which tells some interesting facts about the weather. On the night of November 18 it was 40 degrees bethrew out some water and it froze before it reached the ground and popped like a pistol. There is sunshine only for one houreach day and that is about 12 o'clock. Mrs. Ferguson has experienced 53 degrees below zero, but she states she does not realize it in that country. Twenty degrees below zero is considered pleasant.

Mrs. Ferguson is enjoying her stay at this winter resort and thinks Klondike a great place. A great deal of work is being pushed forward in that region, but the men do not know how rich they will be until the spring cleanup takes place. Mrs. Ferguson states that she is contented and happy. threw out some water and it froze before

"Robbed the Missourl Pacific train at Leeds," replied Valentine. "I cannot bear to see anyone hanged for a crime I committed, so I have come to give myself up." Valentine was locked up in a nice, large cell and to-day he will have to answer to the charge of plain drunk instead of being permitted to rank with train robbers, for Valentine wouldn't rob a handcar, let alone

Typical Mountain Wedding.

Almost Free Photographs. The Kansas City View Company will rent you a \$25 to \$50 kodak at 10 cents per day, or \$1 per month. Take a kodak with you on your vacation trip. Anyone can use one and make nice photos. We do the finishing. You do the rest. Tel. 1440. Established in 1885. 1431 Walnut.

Judge O'Grady gave a box party at the Coates opera house Saturday night to ex-Governor Crittenden, Judge Philips and ladies and after the performance a dimer at the Coates in honor of Miss Nielson. Pain in the side nearly always comes from a disordered liver and is promptly relieved by Carter's Little Liver Pills, Don't forget this. Says the Birmingham (Eng.) Gazette: While a couple of tradesmen in Market street, Coventry, have long set up rival brass plates, which claim the respective premises as the first home of Miss Ellen Terry, one of the shops has now set up a five-foot board on which is painted the legend: "The birthplace of Miss Ellen Terry, and patronized by her October 1, 1895." On February 7th and 2l, the Missouri Kansas & Texas railway will sell tickets to all points in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Louisana, at very low rates for particulars, call at ticket office, 1018 Union avenue, \$23 Main street and Union depot.

T. J. FITZGERALD.

Passenger and Ticket Agent.

Got Away With Cambrous Plunder. A London plumber is under arrest for stealing two houses. He was two months at work tearing them down and taking away the material without any one interfering with him. It was only when the owner went to look at his houses himself that he found they were gone.

Substitute for Jail in Arizons.

#### **AMONG THE RAILROADS**

HOW THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE LAW WAS EVADED.

Auditor of a Western Road Admitted He Destroyed Records Showing Rebates-Other Instances by the Commission.

The advance copy of the twelfth annual report of the interstate commerce commis-sion reveals some interesting practices of rallway men, as well as some devices of shippers in the way of avoiding the requirements of the act to regulate com-merce. According to the report, it was found, when investigations were contemplated, that witnesses to the successful conduct of the case had removed them-selves beyond the jurisdiction of the courts, while others who acknowledged in a general way their violations of the law, were nevertheless unable to give specific information because of the destruction of nemoranda upon which the only data relating to the cases were kept.

In one instance the auditor of a West-

ern railroad admitted under oath that he had collected rebates from Eastern lines and distributed the money to shippers, and that he had deliberately destroyed the records of the transactions.

As an instance of the disregard by shippers of the interstate commerce law, the commissioners state that a certain company engaged in the turpentine and oil trade, in which it used tank cars for shipping purposes, had a large number of cars made which it certified to the railroad companies were of 6,000 gallons capacity. The railroads accepted the statement and billed the cars accordingly. It was afterwards found that the actual capacity of such cars was 9,500 gallons, and as a result the shippers obtained free transportation for 3,500 gallons with each carload.

It is not stated that upon the discovery of this fraud the railroads took any action to collect the fook charges but it annears. ern railroad admitted under oath that he

"It is without doubt true that the interstate commerce law is impracticable, if not worse, and that as at present formulated it is absolutely harmful to the interests it was designed to protect. That, however, affords no excuse for its promiscuous violation. The tendency of the times is altogether too much in the direction of law-lessness, and it behooves the public at large and, most of all, railroad corporations, to both advocate and practice the most careful compliance with our laws."

It is true that such has been the case to a great extent in the past, but a new era seems to have dawned with the announcement of the leading officials of the Baltimore & Ohio, the Big Four and other systems, that they will strictly obey the law. Chairman Knapp was evidently alive to the weaknesses of the present law and the little conferences he had with the presidents of the Eastern lines is mainly responsible for the unparalleled firmness of the rates.

"Black Diamond" Road a for

"Black Diamond" Road a Go.

CLEVELAND. O., Feb. 5.—Colonel Albert
F. Boone, the railroad promoter, stated in
an interview here to-day concerning the
proposed "Black Diamond" road from Cotumbus, O., to Port Royal, S. C., that the
contracts for building the different divisions of the line were all signed, and it
would surely be constructed. An English
syndicate is behind the enterprise.
"We will have one of the greatest railroads in the world when it is completed,"
said Colonel Boone. "It will cost \$5,000,000
to construct it. It will be double tracked
the entire length. The line will pass
through some of the richest mineral districts in the world. Our grades will be very
light."

Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railway an-nounces increase in engineer's pay 25 per cent; firemen, 15 per cent; effective at once.

## HE DID IT HIMSELF.

William Valentine Says He Robbed the Train at Leeds, but He Was Only Drunk. "I cannot tell a lie, I did it myself," said

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